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Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government respectfully requests that the Court include the following in its charge to the Jury.

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REQUEST NO. 1

General Requests

The Government respectfully requests that the Court provide its usual instructions with respect to the following matters:

- a. Function of Court and Jury
- b. All Parties as Equals Before the Court
- c. What Is and Is Not Evidence
- d. Rulings on Evidence and Objections
- e. Burden of Proof and Presumption of Innocence
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- n. Punishment Is Not to Be Considered by the Jury
- o. Consider Each Count Separately
- p. Verdict of Guilt or Innocence Must be Unanimous

REQUEST NO. 2

The Indictment

The defendant is formally charged in an Indictment. The Indictment is a charge or accusation. It is not evidence. I will first summarize the count that is charged in the Indictment, and then I will explain in detail the elements of the charged offense.

REQUEST NO. 3

Summary Of The Indictment

Count One of the Indictment charges that in or about June 2007, MARINO ANTONIO REYES, a/k/a "Ismael Roman," the defendant, conspired with others to distribute, or possess with the intent to distribute, 500 grams or more of cocaine, which is an illegal substance.

REQUEST NO. 4

Count One - General Instructions (21 U.S.C. § 846)

Count One of the Indictment charges MARINO ANTONIO REYES, a/k/a “Ismael Roman,” the defendant, with participating in a conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws of the United States. The Indictment charges, and I am reading now from the Indictment, that:

[The Court is respectfully requested to read the Indictment, up to the overt acts]

The Indictment also lists an overt act that is alleged to have been committed in furtherance of the conspiracy, as well as the particular statute alleged to have been violated.

As I said before, the defendant is charged with having been a member of a conspiracy to violate the federal drug laws. A conspiracy is a kind of criminal partnership — an agreement of two or more persons to join together to accomplish some unlawful purpose. The crime of conspiracy — or agreement — to violate a federal law, as charged in this Indictment, is an independent offense. It is separate and distinct from the actual violation of any specific federal laws, which the law refers to as “substantive crimes.”

Indeed, you may find a defendant guilty of the crime of conspiracy to violate the federal narcotics laws even if you find that the substantive crimes that were the objects of the conspiracy were never actually committed. Congress has deemed it appropriate to make conspiracy, standing alone, a separate crime, even if the conspiracy is not successful.

Adapted from the charges of the Honorable John G. Koeltl in United States v. Alvarado-Matriller, 94 Cr. 723 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y. 1995), and the Honorable Harold Baer in United States v. Martinez, 97 Cr. 313 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. 1997).

See United States v. Labat, 905 F.2d 18, 21 (2d Cir. 1990) (“Since the essence of conspiracy is the agreement and not the commission of the substantive offense that is its objective, the offense of conspiracy may be established even if the collaborators do not reach their goal.”).

REQUEST NO. 5

Count One - Elements Of Conspiracy

In order to sustain its burden of proof with respect to the conspiracy charged in the Indictment, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the following two elements:

First, the existence of the conspiracy charged in the Indictment. In other words, the Government must prove that there was, in fact, an agreement or understanding to violate those provisions of the law that make it illegal to distribute narcotics, or possess narcotics with the intent to distribute them. Therefore, the first question for you is: Did the conspiracy alleged in the Indictment exist?

Second, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly participated in the conspiracy. That is, the Government must prove that MARINO ANTONIO REYES knowingly associated himself with the conspiracy, and participated in the conspiracy to distribute, or possess with the intent to distribute, cocaine.

Now let us separately consider the two elements. First, the existence of the conspiracy; and second, whether the defendant knowingly associated himself with, and participated in, the conspiracy.

Adapted from the charges of the Honorable John G. Koeltl in United States v. Alvarado-Matriller, 94 Cr. 723 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y. 1995), and the Honorable Harold Baer in United States v. Martinez, 97 Cr. 313 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. 1997).

The Government notes that under Section 846, it is not necessary for the Government to allege or prove even one overt act. See United States v. Shabani, 115 S.Ct. 382, 385 (1994) (Government need not prove commission of any overt acts in furtherance of conspiracy in violation of section 846 conspiracy); United States v. Story, 891 F.2d 988, 992 (2d Cir. 1989) (“The only elements of a section 846 narcotics conspiracy offense are the existence of a conspiracy and defendant’s willful joining it.”); United States v. Knuckles, 581 F.2d 305, 311 (2d

Cir.), cert. denied, 439 U.S. 986 (1978); United States v. Bermudez, 526 F.2d 89, 94 (2d Cir. 1975), cert. denied, 425 U.S. 970 (1976).

REQUEST NO. 6

Count One - First Element -- Existence Of The Conspiracy

Starting with the first element, what is a conspiracy? As I mentioned just a few minutes ago, a conspiracy is an agreement or an understanding, between two or more persons to accomplish by joint action a criminal or unlawful purpose. In this instance, the unlawful purpose alleged to be the object of the conspiracy alleged in the Indictment is the distribution, or possession with the intent to distribute, cocaine.

The gist, or the essence, of the crime of conspiracy is the unlawful agreement between two or more people to violate the law. As I mentioned earlier, the ultimate success of the conspiracy, or the actual commission of the crime that is the object of the conspiracy, is not required.

The conspiracy alleged here in the Indictment, therefore, is the agreement to distribute cocaine, or the agreement to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute it. It is an entirely distinct and separate offense from the actual distribution of cocaine, or the actual possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute it.

Now, to show a conspiracy, the Government is not required to show that two or more people sat around a table and entered into a solemn pact, orally or in writing, stating that they had formed a conspiracy to violate the law and spelling out all the details. Common sense tells you that when people agree to enter into a criminal conspiracy, much is left to the unexpressed understanding. It is rare that a conspiracy can be proven by direct evidence of an explicit agreement.

In order to show that a conspiracy existed, the evidence must show that two or more persons, in some way or manner, either explicitly or implicitly, came to an understanding to violate the law and to accomplish an unlawful plan.

If you find beyond a reasonable doubt that two or more persons came to an understanding, express or implied, to violate the law and to accomplish an unlawful plan, then the Government will have sustained its burden of proof as to this element.

In determining whether there has been an unlawful agreement as alleged in the Indictment, you may consider the actions of all the alleged co-conspirators that were taken to carry out the apparent criminal purpose. The old adage, “actions speak louder than words,” applies here. Often, the only evidence that is available with respect to the existence of a conspiracy is that of disconnected acts on the part of the alleged individual co-conspirators. When taken all together and considered as a whole, however, that conduct may warrant the inference that a conspiracy existed just as conclusively as more direct proof, such as evidence of an express agreement.

So, you must first determine whether or not the proof established beyond a reasonable doubt the existence of the conspiracy charged in the Indictment. In considering this first element, you should consider all the evidence that has been admitted with respect to the conduct and statements of each alleged co-conspirator, and any inferences that may reasonably be drawn from that conduct and those statements. It is sufficient to establish the existence of a conspiracy, as I have already said, if, from the proof of all the relevant facts and circumstances, you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the minds of at least two alleged co-conspirators met in an understanding way, to accomplish the objective of the conspiracy charged in the Indictment.

Objective of Conspiracy

The objective of a conspiracy is the illegal goal that the co-conspirators agree or hope to achieve. The Indictment here charges that the conspiracy had one objective: (1) the distribution of, or possession with the intent to distribute, cocaine. I instruct you that the Government need not prove that the defendant both distributed, and possessed with the intent to distribute, cocaine, in

order to determine that this was an object of the conspiracy. I will explain this crime in a moment, so that you can decide whether the Government has proven that this crime was an objective of the conspiracy you may find to have existed. An agreement to accomplish either part of the objective of that conspiracy — that is, either to distribute or to possess with the intent to distribute — is sufficient. However, if you do not find beyond a reasonable doubt that one part of the objective was proven, you must be unanimous as to the part of the objective you do find in order for you to determine that this element was proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Now, let me define some of the terms contained in the Indictment. Let me start with the terms, “distribution” and “possession with intent to distribute.”

“Distribution”

The word “distribution” means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer of a controlled substance. “Distribution” includes delivering, passing or handing over something to another person, or causing something to be delivered, passed on, or handed over to another person. Distribution does not require a sale.

“Possession With Intent to Distribute”

What does “possession with intent to distribute” mean?

We begin with the concept of “possession.” The legal concept of possession may differ from the everyday usage of the term, so let me explain it in some detail. Actual possession is what most of us think of as possession; that is, having physical custody or control of an object, as I possess this pen. If you find that a defendant had the controlled substance on his person, therefore, you may find that he had possession of it. However, a person need not have actual, physical possession — that is, physical custody of an object — to be in legal possession of it. If an individual has the ability to exercise substantial control over an object, even if he does not have the object in

his physical custody at a given moment, and that person has the intent to exercise such control, then he is in legal possession of that article. This is called “constructive possession.”

Control over an object may be demonstrated by the existence of a working relationship between one person having the power or ability to control the item, and another person who has actual physical custody. The person having control “possesses” the controlled substance because he has an effective working relationship with the people who have actual physical custody of the controlled substance and because he can direct the movement or transfer or disposition of the controlled substance. In addition, an individual may have possession of an item that is not found on his person, because that individual has a relationship to the location where the item is maintained. In this manner, for example, a person may legally possess things that are in his or her house or car.

More than one person can have control over the same narcotics. The law recognizes that possession may be sole or joint. If one person alone has actual or constructive possession of a thing, possession is sole. If more than one person has possession of it, as I have defined possession for you, then possession is joint.

That is what is meant by “possession.” In order to prove “possession with intent to distribute,” the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that it was a goal of the conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with a purpose to transfer it to another person.

Adapted from the charges of the Honorable John G. Koeltl in United States v. Alvarado-Matriller, 94 Cr. 723 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y. 1995), and the Honorable Harold Baer in United States v. Martinez, 97 Cr. 313 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. 1997). See also Sand et al., Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 56-9, 56-12, and 56-13.

See United States v. Rea, 958 F.2d 1206, 1214 (2d Cir. 1992) (“In order to prove conspiracy, the government need not present evidence of an explicit agreement; proof of a tacit understanding will suffice. The conspirators need not have agreed on the details of the conspiracy, so long as they have agreed on the essential nature of the

plan, and their goals need not be congruent, so long as they are not at cross-purposes.”) (citations omitted); United States v. Montour, 944 F.2d 1019, 1025 (2d Cir. 1991) (“To prove the existence of an agreement, the government need not present evidence of a formal arrangement between the co-conspirators. Rather, it is sufficient if the government can demonstrate that the defendant acted together with others to realize a common goal”) (citations omitted). See also United States v. Rubin, 844 F.2d 979, 983-84 (2d Cir. 1988) (generally discussing proof of agreement).

REQUEST NO. 7

Count One - Second Element -- Membership In The Conspiracy

If you conclude that the Government has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the conspiracy charged in the Indictment existed, then you must next determine the second question: Whether the defendant participated in the conspiracy with knowledge of its unlawful purpose, and in furtherance of its unlawful objective.

The Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly and intentionally entered into the conspiracy with a criminal intent — that is, with a purpose to violate the law — and that the defendant agreed to take part in the conspiracy to promote and cooperate in its unlawful objectives.

“Unlawfully,” “Intentionally” and “Knowingly” Defined

The terms “unlawfully,” “intentionally” and “knowingly” are intended to ensure that if you find that the defendant did join the conspiracy, you also conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that, in doing so, he knew what he was doing; in other words, that he took the actions in question deliberately and voluntarily.

An act is done “knowingly” and “intentionally” if it is done deliberately and purposely; that is, the defendant’s acts must have been the product of the defendant’s conscious objective, rather than the product of a mistake or accident, or mere negligence, or some other innocent reason.

“Unlawfully” simply means contrary to law. The defendant need not have known that he was breaking any particular law, but he must have been aware of the generally unlawful nature of his acts.

Now, science has not yet devised a manner of looking into a person's mind and knowing what that person is thinking. However, you do have before you the evidence of certain acts and conversations alleged to have taken place with the defendant or in his presence. The Government contends that these acts and conversations show, beyond a reasonable doubt, the defendant's knowledge of the unlawful purposes of the conspiracy.

The defendant denies that he was a member of the charged conspiracy. It is for you to determine whether the Government has established to your satisfaction, beyond a reasonable doubt, that such knowledge and intent on the part of the defendant existed.

It is not necessary for the Government to show that a defendant was fully informed as to all the details of the conspiracy in order for you to infer knowledge on his part. To have guilty knowledge, a defendant need not know the full extent of the conspiracy, or all the activities of all its participants. It is not even necessary for a defendant to know every other member of a conspiracy. In fact, a defendant may know only one other member of a conspiracy and still be a co-conspirator. Nor is it necessary for a defendant to receive any monetary benefit from his participation in a conspiracy, or have a financial stake in the outcome. It is enough if he participated in the conspiracy unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly, as I have defined those terms.

The duration and extent of the defendant's participation in the conspiracy has no bearing on the issue of his guilt. He need not have joined the conspiracy at its outset. He may have joined at any time in its progress, and he will still be held responsible for all that was done before he joined and all that was done during that conspiracy's existence while he was a member. Each member of a conspiracy may perform separate and distinct acts. Some conspirators play major roles, while others play minor roles in the scheme. An equal role is not what the law requires. In fact, even a single act may be sufficient to draw a defendant within the scope of the conspiracy.

However, I want to caution you that a person's mere association with a member of a conspiracy does not make that person a member of the conspiracy, even when that association is coupled with knowledge that a conspiracy is taking place. Mere presence at the scene of a crime, even coupled with knowledge that a crime is taking place, is not sufficient to support a conviction. In other words, knowledge without agreement and participation is not sufficient. What is necessary is that a defendant participated in the conspiracy with knowledge of its unlawful purposes, and with an intent to aid in the accomplishment of its unlawful objective.

In sum, the defendant, with an understanding of the unlawful nature of the conspiracy, must have intentionally engaged, advised or assisted in the unlawful objective for the purpose of furthering an illegal undertaking. The defendant thereby becomes a knowing and willing participant in the unlawful agreement — that is to say, a conspirator.

A conspiracy, once formed, is presumed to continue until either its objective is accomplished or there is some affirmative act of termination by its members. So, too, once a person is found to be a member of a conspiracy, he is presumed to continue his membership in the venture until its termination, unless it is shown by some affirmative proof that he withdrew and disassociated himself from it.

Adapted from the charges of the Honorable John G. Koeltl in United States v. Alvarado-Matriller, 94 Cr. 723 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y. 1995), and the Honorable Harold Baer in United States v. Martinez, 97 Cr. 313 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. 1997), and from Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 19-6 and 56-18, and from United States v. Townsend, 987 F.2d 927 (2d Cir. 1993) (defining “intentionally”).

See United States v. Rea, 958 F.2d 1206, 1214 (2d Cir. 1992) (“The defendant’s knowledge of the conspiracy and participation in it with the requisite criminal intent may be established through circumstantial evidence. A defendant need not have joined a conspiracy at its

inception in order to incur liability for the unlawful acts of the conspiracy committed both before and after he or she became a member.”). See also United States v. Miranda-Ortiz, 926 F.2d 172, 175-76 (2d Cir.) (generally discussing proof required to show membership in conspiracy), cert. denied, 112 S. Ct. 347 (1991); United States v. Maldonado-Rivera, 922 F.2d 934, 960 (2d Cir. 1990) (same), cert. denied, 111 S. Ct. 2858 (1991).

REQUEST NO. 8

Count One - Conspiracy To Distribute Or Possess With Intent To Distribute: Overt Acts

The Indictment also contains a paragraph entitled “Overt Act.” This section provides an example of conduct undertaken by alleged members of the conspiracy — including MARINO ANTONIO REYES — to promote the illegal objective of the conspiracy. That portion of the Indictment alleges:

[The Court is respectfully requested to read the “OVERT ACT” section of the Indictment.]

It is not necessary for the Government to prove that the overt act alleged in the Indictment was committed, so long as the Government proves, as I have explained, the existence of the conspiracy charged in the Indictment and that the defendant was a knowing and intentional member in the conspiracy. It is not necessary for the Government to allege or prove even one overt act on the part of the defendant, or anyone else.

As noted previously, under Section 846, it is not necessary for the Government to allege or prove even one overt act. See United States v. Shabani, 115 S.Ct. 382, 385 (1994) (Government need not prove commission of any overt acts in furtherance of conspiracy in violation of section 846 conspiracy); United States v. Story, 891 F.2d 988, 992 (2d Cir. 1989) (“The only elements of a section 846 narcotics conspiracy offense are the existence of a conspiracy and defendant’s willful joining it.”); United States v. Knuckles, 581 F.2d 305, 311 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 439 U.S. 986 (1978); United States v. Bermudez, 526 F.2d 89, 94 (2d Cir. 1975), cert. denied, 425 U.S. 970 (1976).

REQUEST NO. 9

Count One - Conspiracy To Distribute Or Possess With Intent To Distribute: Time of Conspiracy

The Indictment states that the conspiracy charged in the Indictment existed in or about June 2007. It is not essential that the Government prove that the conspiracy started and ended on any specific dates. Indeed, it is sufficient if you find that the conspiracy was formed and existed for some time around the dates set forth in the Indictment.

This is also a good opportunity to instruct you that it does not matter if a specific event or transaction is alleged to have occurred on or about a certain date, and the evidence indicates that in fact it occurred on another date. The law only requires a substantial similarity between the dates alleged in the Indictment and the date established by the testimony and other evidence.

Adapted from the charges of the Honorable John G. Koeltl in United States v. Alvarado-Matriller, 94 Cr. 723 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y. 1995), and the Honorable Harold Baer in United States v. Martinez, 97 Cr. 313 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. 1997).

REQUEST NO. 10

Count One - Acts and Statements Of Co-Conspirators

[Previously, it had been standard practice in this District to give a charge, similar to a portion of the charge found in Judge Sand's treatise instruction 19-9, which invites the jury to consider whether acts and declarations were in furtherance of the conspiracy. The Second Circuit has expressly disapproved such a charge, and the Government respectfully requests that the Court decline to give such a charge. See United States v. Mastropieri, 685 F. 2d 776, 789-90 (2d Cir.) ("We therefore expect that trial judges in this circuit not only will shoulder the responsibility of making the determination of admissibility [of coconspirator statements], but will hereafter refrain from giving the jury a 'second bite.'"), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 945 (1982).]

REQUEST No. 11

Count One — Liability for Acts and Declarations Of Co-Conspirators

When people enter into a conspiracy to accomplish an unlawful end, they become agents or partners of one another in carrying out the conspiracy. In determining the factual issues before you, you may consider against a defendant any acts or statements made by any of his co-conspirators, even though such acts or statements were not made in his presence, or were made without his knowledge.

See United States v. Mastropieri, 685 F.2d 776, 786-90 (2d Cir. 1982)
(specifically mandating that juries not be invited to reconsider the admissibility of co-conspirator hearsay).

REQUEST NO. 12

Count One - Drug Quantity

If, and only if, you find that the Government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that MARINO ANTONIO REYES is guilty of participating in a conspiracy that had as its objective the distribution of a controlled substance or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, you must then determine what quantity of cocaine the conspiracy involved.

In making this determination, you should include whatever quantity of cocaine was involved in any act or acts in which MARINO ANTONIO REYES personally and directly participated. If you find that MARINO ANTONIO REYES personally and directly participated in a jointly undertaken drug transaction, he is responsible for the full quantity of drugs involved in that transaction.

In making your determination about quantity, however, you should also include any other quantity of cocaine the conspiracy involved so long as that quantity was either known to MARINO ANTONIO REYES or reasonably foreseeable to him, and within the scope of the criminal activity that he jointly undertook.

You need not determine the precise quantity. Instead, if you reach the question of quantity, indicate on the verdict form whether the Government has established that the conspiracy involved a) 500 grams or more of mixtures or substances containing cocaine; or b) less than 500 grams of mixtures or substances containing cocaine.

Your finding as to quantity must be made beyond a reasonable doubt. In addition, it must be unanimous in the sense that all of you must agree that the conspiracy involved at least the quantity you indicate. Thus, for example, if all of you agree that the conspiracy involved 500 grams or more of cocaine, you should indicate "500 grams or more of cocaine." If, however, some jurors

conclude that the conspiracy involved 500 grams or more of cocaine and the rest of the jurors conclude that it involved less than 500 grams of cocaine, you may not indicate that the conspiracy involved “500 grams or more of cocaine.” Under those circumstances, however, you should indicate “less than 500 grams of cocaine” because all of you would be in agreement that the conspiracy involved at least that amount of cocaine.

See Appendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000); United States v. Thomas, 274 F.3d 655 (2d Cir. 2001) (en banc); United States v. Gonzalez, 420 F.3d 111, 125 (2d Cir. 2005); United States v. Martinez, 987 F.2d 920, 925-26 (2d Cir. 1993) (noting that a co-conspirator “should not be sentenced for certain conspiratorial acts unless there is proof that he knew or should have known about the details of these conspiratorial acts”); United States v. Velasquez, 28 F.3d 2, 5 (2d Cir. 1994) (holding that the “reasonable foreseeability” requirement does not apply to conduct “that the defendant personally undertakes” and that the Sentencing Guidelines, including the definition of relevant conduct in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, “are simply an extension of the statutory sentencing scheme”); United States v. Chalarca, 95 F.3d 239, 243 (2d Cir. 1996) (“[T]he quantity of drugs attributed to a defendant need not be foreseeable to him when he personally participates, in a direct way, in a jointly undertaken drug transaction.”) (construing the Sentencing Guidelines); United States v. Castrillon, 376 F.3d 46, 47 (2d Cir. 2004) (per curiam) (same) (construing 21 U.S.C. § 846).

REQUEST NO. 13

Venue

In addition to the elements I have described for you in the Indictment, you must also decide whether any act in furtherance of the crimes occurred within the Southern District of New York. I instruct you that the Southern District of New York includes all of Manhattan, New York, and the Bronx, New York.

I should note that on this issue — and this issue alone — the Government need not prove venue beyond a reasonable doubt, but only by a mere preponderance of the evidence. Thus, the Government has satisfied its venue obligations if you conclude that it is more likely than not that any act in furtherance of the crimes charged occurred in the Southern District of New York. If you find that the Government has failed to prove this venue requirement by a preponderance of the evidence, then you must acquit the defendant of the charge.

Adapted from the charge of the Honorable Charles S. Haight, Jr. in United States v. Rogers, 90 Cr. 377 (CSH) (S.D.N.Y. 1991) (wire fraud), and from Sand et al., Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 3-11.

See 18 U.S.C. § 3237 (general venue provision for offenses beginning in one district and ending in another). See also United States v. Gonzalez, 922 F.2d 1044, 1054-55 (2d Cir. 1991) (affirming that venue is governed by a preponderance standard).

REQUEST NO. 14

The Defendant's Testimony

[If Applicable]

The defendant, MARINO ANTONIO REYES, has taken the witness stand. You should examine and evaluate his testimony just as you would the testimony of any witness with an interest in the outcome of the case.

Adapted from United States v. Gaines, slip. op. No. 04-5616-cr (2d Cir. July 20, 2006), at 18.

REQUEST NO. 15

The Defendant's Right Not to Testify

[If Requested By The Defendant]

The defendant did not testify in this case. Under our Constitution, a defendant has no obligation to testify or to present any evidence, because it is the Government's burden to prove the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. That burden remains with the Government throughout the entire trial and never shifts to a defendant. A defendant is never required to prove that he is innocent.

You may not attach any significance to the fact that the defendant did not testify. No adverse inference against him may be drawn by you because he did not take the witness stand. You may not consider this against the defendant in any way in your deliberations in the jury room.

Sand et al., Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 5-21.

REQUEST NO. 16

Law Enforcement Witnesses

You have heard testimony of law enforcement officials. The fact that a witness may be employed by the Government as a law enforcement official does not mean that his or her testimony is necessarily deserving of more or less consideration or greater or lesser weight than that of an ordinary witness.

At the same time, defense counsel may try to attack the credibility of a law enforcement witness on the grounds that his or her testimony may be colored by a personal or professional interest in the outcome of the case.

It is your decision, after reviewing all the evidence, whether to accept the testimony of the law enforcement witnesses and to give that testimony whatever weight, if any, you find it deserves.

Adapted from Sand, et al., Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 5-25.

REQUEST NO. 17

Cooperator Testimony

[If Applicable]

You have heard witnesses who testified that they were actually involved in planning and carrying out the crimes charged in the Indictment. There has been a great deal said about these so-called accomplices or cooperating witnesses in the summations of counsel and about whether you should believe these witnesses.

In cases such as these, the Government often must rely on the testimony of witnesses who admit participating in the alleged crimes at issue. The Government must take its witnesses as it finds them and frequently must use such testimony in a criminal prosecution, because otherwise it would be difficult or impossible to detect and prosecute wrongdoers.

The testimony of such accomplices is properly considered by the jury. If accomplices could not be used, there would be many cases in which there was real guilt and conviction should be had, but in which convictions would be unobtainable.

For these very reasons, the law allows the use of accomplice testimony. Indeed, it is the law in federal courts that the testimony of an accomplice may be enough in itself for conviction, if the jury believes that the testimony establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

However, because of the possible interest an accomplice may have in testifying, an accomplice's testimony should be scrutinized with special care and caution. The fact that a witness is an accomplice can be considered by you as bearing upon his or her credibility. However, it is not true that, simply because a person has admitted participating in one or more crimes, he or she is incapable of giving a truthful version of what happened.

Like the testimony of any other witness, accomplice witness testimony should be given such weight as it deserves in light of the facts and circumstances before you, taking into account the witness's demeanor and candor, the strength and accuracy of his or her recollection, his or her background, and the extent to which the testimony is or is not corroborated by other evidence in the case.

You may consider whether an accomplice witness — like any other witness called in this case — has an interest in the outcome of the case, and if so, whether it has affected his or her testimony.

You heard testimony about agreements between the Government and a few of the witnesses. I caution you that it is no concern of yours why the Government made an agreement with a witness. Your sole concern is whether a witness has given truthful testimony here in this courtroom before you.

In evaluating the testimony of an accomplice witness, you should ask yourselves whether the accomplice would benefit more by lying, or by telling the truth. Was the accomplice's testimony made up in any way because the accomplice believed or hoped that he or she would somehow receive favorable treatment by testifying falsely? Or did the accomplice believe that his or her interests would be best served by testifying truthfully? If you believe that the witness was motivated by hopes of personal gain, was the motivation one that would cause him or her to lie, or was it one that would cause him or her to tell the truth? Did this motivation color his or her testimony?

If you find that the testimony was false, you should reject it. However, if, after a cautious and careful examination of an accomplice witness's testimony and demeanor on the

witness stand, you are satisfied that the witness told the truth, you should accept it as credible and act upon it accordingly.

As with any witness, let me emphasize that the issue of credibility need not be decided in an all-or-nothing fashion. Even if you find that a witness testified falsely in one part, you still may accept his or her testimony in other parts, or you may disregard all of it. That is a determination entirely for you.

Adapted from the charge approved in United States v. Projansky, 465 F.2d 123, 136-37 n.25 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 409 U.S. 1006 (1972), from the charge of Judge John F. Keenan in United States v. Carrero, 91 Cr. 365 (S.D.N.Y. 1991), and from Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 7-5. See United States v. Gleason, 616 F.2d 2, 15 (2d Cir. 1979) (“Where the court points out that testimony of certain types of witnesses may be suspect and should therefore be scrutinized and weighed with care, such as that of accomplices or coconspirators . . . it must also direct the jury’s attention to the fact that it may well find these witnesses to be truthful, in whole or in part.” (citations omitted)), cert. denied, 444 U.S. 1082 (1980); United States v. Cheung Kin Ping, 555 F.2d 1069, 1073 (2d Cir. 1977). See also United States v. Swiderski, 539 F.2d 854, 860 (2d Cir. 1976) (can be reversible error not to give accomplice witness charge if requested by defense).

REQUEST NO. 18

Cooperator Testimony - Guilty Plea

You have heard testimony from a Government witness who has pleaded guilty to charges arising in part out of the same facts that are at issue in this case. You are instructed, however, that you are to draw no conclusions or inferences of any kind about the guilt of the defendant on trial merely from the fact that a prosecution witness pleaded guilty to similar charges. The decision of that witness to plead guilty was a personal decision that witness made about that witness's own guilt. It may not be used by you in any way as evidence against or unfavorable to the defendant on trial here.

Adapted from Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 7-10.
See United States v. Ramirez, 973 F.2d 102, 104-06 (2d Cir. 1992)
(specifically approving charge and holding that it is reversible error not to give charge if requested, unless there is no significant prejudice to defendant).

REQUEST NO. 19

Particular Investigative Techniques Not Required

[If Applicable]

You have heard reference, in the arguments of defense counsel in this case, to the fact that certain investigative techniques were not used by law enforcement authorities. There is no legal requirement that the Government prove its case through any particular means. While you are to carefully consider the evidence presented by the Government, you need not speculate as to why they used the techniques they did, or why they did not use other techniques. The Government is not on trial, and law enforcement techniques are not your concern.

Your concern is to determine whether or not, based on the evidence or lack of evidence, the guilt of the defendant has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Adapted from the charge of Judge Pierre N. Leval in United States v. Mucciante, 91 Cr. 403 (PNL) (S.D.N.Y. 1992), and from the charge of Judge John F. Keenan in United States v. Medina, 91 Cr. 894 (JFK) (S.D.N.Y. 1992).

REQUEST NO. 20

Preparation of Witnesses

[If Applicable]

You have heard evidence during the trial that witnesses have discussed the facts of the case and their testimony with the lawyers before the witnesses appeared in court.

Although you may consider that fact when you are evaluating a witness's credibility, I should tell you that there is nothing either unusual or improper about a witness meeting with lawyers before testifying so that the witness can be aware of the subjects he will be questioned about, focus on those subjects and have the opportunity to review relevant exhibits before being questioned about them. Such consultation helps conserve your time and the Court's time. In fact, it would be unusual for a lawyer to call a witness without such consultation.

The weight you give to the fact or the nature of the witness's preparation for his or her testimony and what inferences you draw from such preparation are matters completely within your discretion.

Charge of the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey in United States v. Abdul Latif Abdul Salam, 98 Cr. 208 (MBM) (S.D.N.Y. 1999).

REQUEST NO. 21

Uncalled Witness - Equally Available or Unavailable to Both Sides

[If Applicable]

There are people whose names you heard during the course of the trial but did not appear to testify. One or more of the attorneys has referred to their absence from the trial. I instruct you that each party had an equal opportunity or lack of opportunity to call any of these witnesses. Therefore, you should not draw any inferences or reach any conclusions as to what they would have testified to had they been called. Their absence should not affect your judgment in any way.

You should remember my instruction, however, that the law does not impose on the defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

Adapted from Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 6-7.

REQUEST NO. 22

Persons Not on Trial

You may not draw any inference, favorable or unfavorable, towards the Government or the defendant from the fact that any person other than the defendant is not on trial here. You may also not speculate as to the reasons why any other person is not on trial. Those matters are wholly outside your concern and have no bearing on your function as jurors.

Adapted from Judge Werker's charge in United States v. Barnes, 77 Cr. 190 (Nov. 29, 1977), aff'd, 604 F.2d 121 (2d Cir. 1979).

REQUEST NO. 23

Stipulations

[If Applicable]

In this case you have heard evidence in the form of stipulations of testimony. A stipulation of testimony is an agreement among the parties that, if called as a witness, the person would have given certain testimony. You must accept as true the fact that the witness would have given that testimony. However, it is for you to determine the effect to be given that testimony.

You have also heard evidence in the form of stipulations that contain facts that were agreed to be true. You must accept the facts in those stipulations as true.

Adapted from Judge Cote's charge in United States v. Fernandez, 71 Cr. 1169 (S.D.N.Y. 2003).

REQUEST NO. 24

Limiting Instruction: Similar Act Evidence

[If Applicable]

You will recall that some evidence introduced by the Government was received for a limited purpose. Specifically, you heard testimony regarding the defendant's prior drug dealing. The Government offered this evidence to demonstrate the defendant's intent and knowledge and to establish the absence of mistake or accident with regard to the offense that is charged in the instant indictment. You may not consider this evidence as a substitute for proof that the defendant committed the crime charged in the Indictment. Nor may you consider this evidence as proof that the defendant has a criminal personality or bad character. This evidence about the defendant's prior drug dealing was admitted for a much more limited purpose and you may consider it only for that limited purpose.

Specifically, if you determine that the defendant committed any of the acts charged in the Indictment, then you may, but you need not, draw an inference from the evidence of the defendant's prior drug dealing that the defendant acted knowingly and intentionally with respect to the specific charge, as charged in the Indictment, and not because of some mistake, accident, or other innocent reasons. The evidence of the defendant's prior drug dealing may not be considered by you for any other purpose than what I have just explained to you.

Adapted from the charge of the Honorable John F. Keenan in United States v. Carrero, 91 Cr. 365 (JFK) (S.D.N.Y. 1991) and from 1 Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instruction 5-25; see also United States v. Pitre, 960 F.2d 1112, 1119 (2d Cir. 1992) ("upon request, the district court must give an appropriate limiting instruction to the jury" when admitting similar act evidence pursuant to Rule 404(b)).

REQUEST NO. 25

Use Of Informants

There has been testimony before you about the use of an informant. Informants are frequently used by the Government to obtain leads and to gain introduction to people suspected of violating the law. There are certain types of crimes where, without the use of informants, detection would be extremely difficult. Because this law enforcement technique is entirely lawful, your personal view on its use — whether you approve or disapprove — is beside the point and must not affect your evaluation of the evidence in the case.

Let me put it another way. If you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant you are considering committed the charged offense that you are considering, you should find him guilty even though you believe that his apprehension came about in some measure by the Government's use of an informant.

Adapted from the charge of Judge John F. Keenan in United States v. Carrero, 91 Cr. 365 (S.D.N.Y. 1991), and from Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 5-23.

REQUEST NO. 26

Use Of Recordings and Transcripts

The Government has offered evidence in the form of recordings of meetings which were obtained without the knowledge of the defendants or the other participants in the meetings, but with the consent of an informant who participated in the meetings. Whether you approve or disapprove of the interception and recording of these conversations, your approval or disapproval may not enter your deliberations. I instruct you that the meetings were lawfully recorded and that no one's rights were violated. The use of this procedure to gather evidence is entirely lawful.

You must, therefore, regardless of any personal opinions, give this evidence full consideration along with all the other evidence in the case in determining whether the Government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt the guilt of the defendants.

In connection with these recordings, you heard that the conversations were in Spanish. For that reason, it was necessary for the Government to obtain a translation of certain conversations into English. (If a Stipulation has been entered.) The translation from Spanish into English has been stipulated to between the parties as accurate, and you may rely on the English. In case any of you speak Spanish, you may not second guess the interpreter. Remember that the jury is the ultimate fact finder and, as with all of the evidence, you may give the transcripts such weight, if any, as you believe they deserve.

Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions, Instr. 5-11; adapted from the charge of Judge Harold Baer, Jr. in United States v. Garcia Sanchez, 01 Cr. 908 (HB) (S.D.N.Y. 2002).

See United States v. Ulerio, 859 F.2d 1144, 1145 (2d Cir. 1988) (not abuse of discretion to admit foreign language transcripts in evidence); United States v. Vasquez, 605 F.2d 1269, 1272 & n.4 (2d Cir. 1979)

(proper to play Spanish language tapes and to provide translated transcripts to jury, with cautionary instruction that jury is ultimate factfinder); United States v. Llinas, 603 F.2d 506, 508-09 (5th Cir. 1979) (transcripts embody testimony of interpreter; proper to provide transcripts to jury because interpreter available to testify to accuracy).

REQUEST NO. 27

Conclusion

Your function now is to weigh the evidence in this case and to determine the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

You must base your verdict solely on the evidence and these instructions as to the law, and you are obliged under your oath as jurors to follow the law as I have instructed you, whether you agree or disagree with the particular law in question.

The verdict must represent the considered judgment of each juror. To return a verdict, it is necessary that each juror agree to it. Your verdict must be unanimous.

It is your duty, as jurors, to consult with one another, and to deliberate with a view to reaching an agreement. Each of you must decide the case for him or herself, but do so only after an impartial discussion and consideration of all the evidence in the case with your fellow jurors. In the course of your deliberations, do not hesitate to re-examine your own views, and change an opinion if convinced it is erroneous. But do not surrender your honest conviction as to the weight or effect of evidence, solely because of the opinion of your fellow jurors. Remember at all times, you are not partisans. You are judges — judges of the facts. Your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence in the case.

If you are divided, do not report how the vote stands, and if you have reached a verdict do not report what it is until you are asked in open court.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, I am sure that if you listen to the views of your fellow jurors and if you apply your own common sense you will reach a fair verdict here.

Remember that your verdict must be rendered without fear, without favor and without prejudice or sympathy.

Dated: New York, New York
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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